

The Office of the Governor **Proclamation**

Executive Department State of Idaho State Capitol Boise

WHEREAS, despite ongoing efforts to better protect child pedestrians, child pedestrian injury remains the second leading cause of unintentional injury-related death among children ages 5 to 14 in the U.S.; and

WHEREAS, each year, more than 630 children ages 14 and under die from pedestrianrelated injuries and more than 39,000 children ages 14 and under are treated in hospital emergency rooms in the U.S.; and

WHEREAS, the total annual cost of traffic-related pedestrian injury among children ages 14 and under is \$5.2 billion in the U.S.; and

WHEREAS, the majority of pedestrian deaths and injuries are traffic-related in the U.S.; and

WHEREAS, environmental modifications, when made in conjunction with enforcement of traffic laws and increased penalties for traffic violations, are proven to reduce traffic-related pedestrian death an injury; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of International Walk To School Day 2006, children, parents, educators, community leaders, Safe Kids coalitions and FedEx employees are joining together nationwide to walk to school and evaluate pedestrian safety in their community; and

WHEREAS, Safe Kids has planned pedestrian safety activities and school based events for International Walk to School Day 2006 in an effort to educate children and families about the importance of pedestrian safety;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JAMES E. RISCH, Governor of the State of Idaho, do hereby proclaim October 3, 2006, as

INTERNATIONAL WALK TO SCHOOL DAY

in Idaho.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Idaho at the Capitol in Boise on this 3rd day of October in the year of our Lord two-thousand and six and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred thirty-first and of the Statehood of Idaho the one hundred seventeenth.

JAMES E. RISCH GOVERNOR

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